



SELECTING THE COLLEGE THAT IS PERFECT FOR YOU!

Long Beach City College

Questions you might want to consider to help you better decide which college is right for you:

1. Degrees and Programs

- a. Do they have your major?
- b. Is your major impacted?
- c. What are the requirements to get into your major?
- d. Is there a graduate program for your career/subject interest?
- e. Is there a priority registration to students with special accommodation needs?
- f. Is there any faculty research opportunities?

2. Cost of Tuition and Housing

- a. What are the housing options? (i.e., residence halls, apartments, living at home)
- b. What is the cost of living on-campus versus commuting/off-campus?
- c. Are there any special grants (besides financial aid) being offered for housing?
- d. Are there additional fees aside from the cost of tuition?
- e. What are other things included with the dorm/house rent?
- f. Will students be referred to housing off-campus if they were to choose this option?

3. Financial Aid

- a. Go to Free Application for Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for financial aid. Do so by March!
- b. Check out different scholarships and grants available.
- c. Inquire about on-campus jobs or work-study opportunities.
- d. Do they offer grants during the summer?
- e. Are there any financial assistance programs international students could apply for (if they are not qualified for FAFSA)? What is the estimated cost of tuition and housing for such students?
- f. If you were to consider borrowing money, will your major (such as teaching majors) be an exemption to loan interests or waivers?
- g. Aside from loans, are grants also available in graduate school?

4. Class Size/Structure

- a. The student to faculty ratio.
- b. Are all the classrooms made convenient for students with special accommodation needs?

5. Student Body

- a. Think about the campus size and the student body. How comfortable would you be to attend a university with as small as 1000 students or as large as 35,000 students?
- b. What are the student demographics (i.e., ethnic & gender breakdown, fulltime vs. part-time, graduation rate, average age, etc.)?
- c. What is the campus culture (i.e., commuter or residential campus)?

6. Location of the School

- a. Is it a rural or urban setting?
- b. Is it distant from home?
- c. How big is the campus?
- d. Is the school located conveniently/safely for commuting?
- e. How late are their libraries open during daily and during the weekends?

7. School Quality

- a. What is the accreditation background of the school you're considering to attend?
- b. Find out the school's quality/reputation/ranking.

8. Co-curricular Activities Available

- a. What kinds of clubs or leadership organizations are offered?
- b. Are there any fraternities/sororities specialized for your major/career interest?
- c. Is there a mentoring program for new students?

9. Graduation Rate

- a. Ask not only how many graduate, but the approximate time it takes to complete a degree.
- b. Are there any specialized programs to help you graduate on a timely manner?
- c. What are some things to keep in mind about educational leave?
- d. What are the filing dates for graduation?

10. Finding Employment After Graduation

- a. Is there a Career or Internship Center available on campus?
- b. Is there a Career Counselor or Advisor available?
- c. How often does the school coordinate job/internship fairs?
- d. What types of services are available to assist students in finding employment (i.e., resume workshops, mock interviews, etc.)



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